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RE: UNITED STATES v. JAMILE LEE

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the conviction of Jamile Lee, age 25, of Buffalo, New York, for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, attempted possession of cocaine and use of a telephone to facilitate a drug felony, in violation of Title 21, United States Code Section 841(a)(1), 843(b) and 846, carrying a penalty of 30 years to life.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who handled the case, stated that on May 28 of 2003, the defendant was arrested along with three others, by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in connection with a DEA "sting" or reverse drug operation. In May of 2003, DEA arranged through the use of confidential sources, recorded telephone calls and pre-arranged meetings to sell a "sham" kilogram of cocaine to defendant's brother, Keyon Lee. The defendant negotiated the cocaine deal while incarcerated at the Erie County Holding Center with another DEA informant. Using a telephone, he instructed his brother to meet with a female source to buy the cocaine. A meeting between the co-defendant Keyon Lee and the DEA source occurred on May

28, 2003 at McDonald's restaurant, 2196 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York. The deal soured when Lee failed to bring the agreed upon monies. Thereafter, Keyon Lee and others were arrested. According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Kane, Lee admitted to DEA agents that he expected to receive cocaine in exchange for his efforts.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the DEA under the direction of Resident Agent-in-Charge Mark T. Peterson.

Sentencing is scheduled for February 9, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. in front of Hon. Richard J. Arcara, Chief United States District Judge.

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